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**MESSAGE** Status Inquiry Letter

**RE:** U.S. Application No. 10/811,661, Filing Date: March 29, 2004  
 Entitled: Orthopedic Intramedullary Fixation System; Applicant: Woll et al.  
 Our Docket No.: 23861/3

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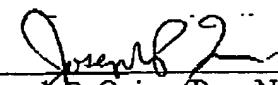
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Sir:

This case was filed on March 29, 2004 and we have not received any correspondence since we received the Notice of Publication on October 11, 2005. Kindly inform us of the status of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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